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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 2

Part B for February 1924.

SUBJECT

Proposals for suspension and remission of land revenue in the affected tracts.

To The Rev. Commr. in Mysore.
The Drs of Kolar, Tumkur & Bangalore.
No 460-3 dated 2nd February 1924.

Sanctions the recommendation of the R.C extending the time for the submission of reports regarding suspensions and remissions by the S.D.Os till the end of January 1924 and by the Drs till the end of February 1924.

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Muz. File No. 25 of 1923-24

Serial No.

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From

The Revenue

No D 28 of 23-24 dt 26.1.24.

Forwards copy of letter from the D.C. Kolar Dt. and recommends that the time for the submission of reports regarding suspension or remission of assessment of inams granted till the end of June 24 in the case of S.D.O.s. and the end of July in the case of D.Cs.

Submitted for orders with refce to

1) Please put up copy of G.O. of 4th Feb. 1922 also

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28.1.24.

2) Reference is invited to para 3 - (clauses 4 & 5) of G.O. dated 4.2.1922 (Hyd)

Please put up draft also

30/1/24

30.1.24.

Draft G.O. Subd.

30.1.24

At the time the applns. are received by the month, a correspondence is asked for the submission of reports. draft is put up sanctioning, the applns. should be received

30.1.24.

Revised draft to apply to applns received

31.1.24

DEWAN'S OFFICE
Rcd. on JAN 31 1924
Reg. No. 5381.

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Serial No.	
1	To The R.C. The D.C.S. of K.Kan, Tinnevelly & Madura No. 460-3 Dy 2.2.24. Sanctions the recommendation of the R.C. extending the time for the submission of reports regarding suspensions & remissions by the S.D.O's till the end of Jan 1924 & by the D.C's till the end of February.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. D.28 of 23-24.

Bangalore,.....the 25th January 1924.

FROM

K. Chandy, Esq., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
R e v e.n u e *Department.*

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the orders of Government a copy of letter No. H.C.107 dated the 22nd January 1924 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, suggesting that the time prescribed in Government Order No. R.3748-58/L.R. 502-17-10 dated the 4th February 1922 for the submission of reports regarding suspension or remission of assessment may be extended till the end of January 1924 in the case of Sub Division Officers and till the end of February 1924 in the case of Deputy Commissioners.

The extension of time recommended by the Deputy Commissioner may kindly be sanctioned as the reports in question have to be submitted only after a personal inspection of the affected parts by the Amildars and Sub Division Officers which requires time if it is to be done satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K Chandy

Revenue Commissioner.

VRR/-

R. C. 4.

FROM

K. Chanay, Esq., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue *Department.*

Dated the 25th January 1924.

Despatched

Received

General No.

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Re. the submission of reports in the matter of remission or suspension of assessment.

Copy of letter No. H.C.107/2 3-24 dated the 22nd January 1924 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to para 11 of Government Order No. R.2582/93-R.M. 11-23-104 dated 7-12-23 extending the time till the end of December 23 for application for suspension or remission of assessment in accordance with G.O.No.R.3748-58/L.R.502-17-10 dated 4-2-1922, I have the honour to request that the time for the submission of the reports by the Sub Division Officers and the Deputy Commissioners may similarly be extended till the end of January 1924 and February 1924 instead of December and January respectively as prescribed in rules 4 & 5 of para 3 of the Government Order dated 4-2-1922 referred to supra.

2. The above proposal is submitted in view of the fact that personal inspections of the affected parts by the Amildars and the Sub Division Officers contemplated in the rules require adequate time, and any hurried inspections in this important respect has to be deprecated.

"C O P Y"

K.S.Subbaraya...

For Revenue Commissioner.

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue.... 2. 2. 24

Signed by... Hon K.V. Ananthakrishnan

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

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Serial No. 7

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read— Para VI 3-(4) & (5) of G.O. no R 3748-58/LR 50-2-17-10. dated the 4th Feby 1922 directing the submission of reports regarding Suspensions and remissions of Revenue by the Sub-Divn officers

~~Order Thereon~~ No.

before the end of Decr by and by the Deputy Commrs before the end of January.

(2) Para II of G.O. no R 2562-93/R.VI. 11-23104

dated the 7th Dec 1923
extending the time for application
~~the~~ for remission till the
end of Dec 1923.

(3) G.O no. 256-Rev/Des dated
the 16th Jany 1924 sanctioning
remission of wet assessment
in certain affected taluks of
the Kolar & Tumkur dts.

(4) Letter no. D 28 of 23-24
dated the 26th Jany 1924
from the Revenue Commr.
recommending that the
time prescribed in the ~~first extension~~ of
G.O. dated 4th Feby 1922 read above
for the submission of reports regarding
suspension or remission of
assessment may be extended
till the end of January 1924
in the case of sub-divisions & till the
end of February in the case of deputy Commissioners
as the said reports have to be
submitted only after a personal inspection
of the affected parts by the Officers concerned.

Examined by
Copied by

orders 460-3. 27.2.24

The recommendation of the
Revenue Commr is sanctioned.

List of enclosures.

VWD 1622—GPB—1,000,00—21-12-21

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Regd Secy to Govt

Secy to Govt
Revenue Dept

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. R. 3748-58—L. R. 502-17-10, dated 4th February 1922.

Suspension and remission of wet assessment.

Issues revised rules in the matter of——on tank irrigated lands and directs that the rules be adopted tentatively for a period of five years.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 4276, dated 12th November 1921, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding a set of draft rules in the matter of suspension and remission of wet assessment on tank irrigated lands.

ORDER NO. R. 3748-58—L. R. 502-17-10, DATED 4th FEBRUARY 1922.

It has been the settled policy of Government as laid down in Government Orders No. 9048-55—Pet. 151, dated 16th April 1897, and R. 1211-2—L. R. 331-06-4, dated 10th August 1907, to grant partial remission of assessment only when there is a general failure of wet crop in any locality and consequent distress and not in individual cases where a tank on which lands are dependent for their irrigation does not obtain a sufficient supply of water in any year on account of deficient rainfall.

2. But it having been frequently pressed on the attention of Government at the successive Sessions of the Representative Assembly, that the existing policy should be changed so as to afford greater relief to the raiyats, a Special Committee of the Representative Assembly was constituted in Government Order No. Camp—C. 122-71—G. M. 418-17-1, dated 4th November 1917, to investigate the question of remission of wet assessment under the Mysore, Madras and Bombay systems, and to examine the representations on the subject. The report of the Committee has been under the consideration of Government for some time past. In this connection the Revenue Commissioner has submitted his proposals which have been carefully considered by Government. In the last Session of the Assembly also the subject was discussed at length and the members were informed that the issue of suitable rules was under consideration and, that after these are issued they might make further representations, if necessary if the rules did not afford the expected relief.

3. Government are accordingly pleased to issue the following rules, in supersession of those now in force and to direct that they be adopted tentatively for a period of five years, after which any changes that may be deemed necessary in the light of the experience gained in their practical working will be further considered.

(1) Where, owing to failure of rains throughout any tract, any tank in such tract has not received an adequate supply of water, so that more than half the area of wet lands under it has remained uncultivated, or has, even though cultivated, yielded a crop of not more than 4 annas, the recovery of half the assessment for the year on all the *wet* lands under such tank may be suspended by the Revenue Commissioner, provided that he is satisfied that the tract is already so impoverished or the previous harvests have been so poor as to render such a measure of relief necessary.

(2) The amount of assessment suspended under Rule (1) shall be collected in the following year along with that year's khistbandi, unless there is a similar failure of crop or a harvest of not more than 4 annas in that year also, in which case it will be remitted.

(3) Application for suspension or remission under Rules (1) and (2) should be made by the villagers concerned to the Amildar before the end of November.

(4) The Amildar shall, on receipt of the application, make a personal inspection of the affected tract and submit a report of the result, with a statement in the annexed form, to the Sub-Division Officer, who will forward it to the Deputy Commissioner by the end of December with his own opinion after personal inspection and such further enquiry as he may consider necessary to satisfy himself about the accuracy of the Amildar's report.

(5) On receipt of the report, the Deputy Commissioner shall, if he is satisfied with the claim of the villagers for suspension or remission as the case may be, submit a recommendation to the Revenue Commissioner, with a consolidated statement in the form mentioned above before the end of January.

(6) If the Revenue Commissioner considers that a good case for the grant of suspension under Rule (1) is made out, he will sanction the suspension and cause an announcement thereof to be made before the beginning of the khistbandi in February, and shall forthwith report the fact for the information of Government with particulars of the tract affected and the probable amount of the suspended revenue.

(7) When the Revenue Commissioner is of opinion that remission of the suspended revenue should be sanctioned under Rule (2) he will report the case to Government and obtain their orders in the matter.

(8) The above rules will be applicable only to lands under tanks and not to those under river and other channels, the supply to which is more or less certain and assured.

4. These rules will not affect those relating to the grant of remissions of assessment of lands lying waste by breach of the sources of irrigation (Pages 195-196 of the new Revenue Manual).

C. VENKATA RAO,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
The Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore.
PRESS TABLE.

EXD.—K. P. S.

WT 951—GPB—14-2-22—445

Taluk	Tract in respect of which concession is recommended	Nature of concession recommended, suspension or remission	Rainfall in the tract during the year as compared with the average	Nature of harvest in the tract during the past 2 years	Are the raiyat in the tract so impoverished by successive failure of crops or other causes as to render the concession recommended necessary as a measure of relief	Particulars of tanks in respect of which the concession is recommended									
						Name of tank	Total extent of wet lands under occupancy under the tank			Extent that remained uncultivated during the year for want of adequate water supply		Extent cultivated and estimated yield of crop			Approximate amount (of half wet assessment) which is proposed to be suspended or remitted	Remarks
							Village	Extent	Assessment	Village	Extent	Village	Extent	Estimated yield in annas		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. R. 2582-93—R. M. 11-23-104, dated 7th December 1923.

Relief.

Issuing further instructions in the matter of affording —— in the affected tracts and directing the grant of further allotments to districts and imprests to certain Amildars.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 861-8—R. M. 11-23-3, dated 31st August 1923, sanctioning certain measures for affording relief in connection with the distress in Kolar District.

2. Government Order No. R. 1181-4—R. M. 11-23-6, dated 12th September 1923, sanctioning the proposal to take up the maintenance works to certain tanks in Kolar District.

3. Government Order No. R. 1375—R. M. 11-23-12, dated 22nd September 1923, approving of the Conservator's action in throwing open for free grazing the State Forests adjoining the Maddagiri Taluk.

4. Government Order No. R. 1544-50—R. M. 11-23-25, dated 3rd October 1923, sanctioning certain measures for affording relief in connection with the distress in Maddagiri Taluk.

5. Government Order No. 1679-83—R. M. 11-23-28, dated 12th October 1923, sanctioning certain further measures of relief for the Maddagiri Taluk.

6. Government Order No. C. 20-2—R. M. 11-23, dated 19th October 1923, placing at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, certain sums for Takavi Loans and tank restoration works.

7. Government Order No. C. 34-39—R. M. 11-23, dated 25th October 1923, sanctioning certain measures of relief in connection with the unfavourable seasonal conditions in the Nagamangala Taluk.

8. Government Order No. R. 2018-23—R. M. 11-23-32, dated 5th November 1923, sanctioning certain measures for affording relief in parts of the Bangalore District.

9. Government Order No. R. 2024-6—R. M 11-23-34, dated 5th November 1923, sanctioning an advance of Rs. 250 to the Amildar of Maddagiri.

10. Government Order No. R. 2027-9—R. M. 11-23-36, dated 5th November 1923, sanctioning certain measures of relief in the Maddagiri Taluk.

11. Government Order No. R. 2031-32—R. M. 11-23-48, dated 8th November 1923, sanctioning imprests to Amildars of Goribidnur and Bagepalli and the Deputy Amildar of Gudibanda.

12. Government Order No. R. 2041-2—R. M. 11-23-5, dated 9th November 1923, issuing instructions in the matter of granting Tavaki Loans.

13. Government Order No. R. 2276-87—R. M. 11-23-7, dated 22nd November 1923, sanctioning a sum of one lakh of rupees for relief in the affected parts of the State.

14. Government Order No. I. C. 3456-65—Ft. 29-23-41, dated 26th November 1923, approving of the Conservator's action in regard to the movement of cattle of maidan taluks to the forests of the malnad for grazing.

15. Government Order No. R. 2375-8—R. M. 11-23-79, dated 29th November 1923, diverting to Dodballapur Taluk an advance of Rs. 5,000 for tank maintenance sanctioned for Nagamangala Taluk.

16. Government Order No. I. C. 3501-6—Ft. 29-23-45, dated 29th November 1923, approving of the action taken by the Conservator of Forests in authorising the free grazing of the cattle in the State Forests of Dodballapur, Nagamangala, Hulivar and Chiknayakanhalli Taluks and removal of grass from State Forests of the Chitaldrug District and other State Forests.

No. R. 2582-93—R. M. 11-23-104, DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1923.

17. Government Order No. I. C. 3591-600—Ft. 29-23-53, dated 3rd December 1923, authorizing the Conservator of Forests to order the throwing open of the State Forests and plantations at his discretion for free grazing or for cutting and removal therefrom of grass or of leaves for cattle fodder.

18. D. O. Letter No. C. 147—23-24, dated 23rd November 1923, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding a report on the seasonal conditions and making certain suggestions as regards the measures to be adopted to relieve distress.

No. R. 2582-93—R. M. 11-23-104, DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1923.

In the several Government Orders read above, the Government have, on the information received from the reports of the Deputy Commissioners and also special reports from the Revenue Commissioner, issued urgent orders indicating the manner in which measures of relief should be adopted in the taluks which are labouring under adverse seasonal conditions due to continuous drought. It is not, however, clear to Government from the information so far received that a consistent and uniform policy is being followed to carry out the orders already issued. Piecemeal reports are being sent making various recommendations for the grant of additional sums of money to be utilised for various purposes. There is no information yet submitted to Government, in accordance with the instructions previously issued, as to the total amount that has already been spent out of the previous grants for urgent disbursements of Takavi Loans and for tank maintenance and tank restoration works, in respect of which the Revenue Commissioner was authorised to draw from the budget allotment as well as from the additional grants specially placed at his disposal. Government apprehend that there will be confusion in regard to the policy to be pursued, unless local officers are given strict instructions in the matter of the utilisation of the grants already sanctioned by Government for the purpose of relief. They are therefore pleased to direct as follows:—

1. (*a*) Each Deputy Commissioner will submit personally a weekly report to the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department giving detailed particulars of the situation in his district in the following tabular form:—

Number of works started with estimated cost			Number of persons employed	Total expenditure under Takavi Loan disbursements	Number of persons given gratuitous relief and the amount paid
Tank restoration	Tank maintenance	Temporary wells			

(*b*) The report should contain information as to the need for starting additional works under these various heads and explain the necessity, if any, for the grant of additional allotments. As the Government are not in possession of information as to the total expenditure so far actually incurred under the various measures of relief sanctioned, no additional grants need be immediately made till such information is at hand.

2. The Deputy Commissioner should carefully check the imprest accounts of the local officers and see that the amounts are immediately recouped, when exhausted, from the sanctioned grants under the respective heads.

3 Long reports raising academic issues should be avoided and all local officers should be instructed to move about frequently and act on the spot with a certain amount of unfettered discretion according to the circumstances of each case.

4. It is not necessary now to lay down any elaborate policy, having regard to the fact that all the necessary measures have been sanctioned which must be operated upon first before undertaking larger relief operations in the affected tracts. It is necessary to make provision for the supply of fodder and water for cattle. In regard to the first, orders have been issued to the Conservator of Forests to cut all the available grass in the forest divisions of Shimoga and Bhadravati and send the same to the maidan districts immediately. An advance of Rs. 5,000 is placed at his disposal for the purpose and he is requested to depute a Sub-Assistant Conservator for such work. The destination for each consignment should be arranged for in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts of Tumkur and Kolar who will be responsible for the consignments being sent to the affected parts as quickly as possible. The Deputy Commissioners will be responsible for making all arrangements for the opening and management of depots and to the distribution of the grass supplied by the Conservator of Forests. As many depots as possible should be opened in the affected taluks and the grass should be sold at the rate of Rs 10 per ton to persons for the *bona fide* use of their cattle. In all cases in which the price cannot be recovered in cash, the value of the grass supplied should be treated as Takavi Loan under the rules in force.

5. The Revenue Commissioner will ask for additional grants under any of the heads necessary only when the funds placed at his disposal are exhausted.

6. As regards the question of rates sanctioned for the relief works opened, the Revenue Officers must act in concert with the officers of the Public Works Department. Although slight variations according to the local conditions may be allowed, a maximum should be fixed in each district by the Revenue Commissioner in consultation with the Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings).

7. Government approve of the proposal to give subsistence loans in affected areas, free of interest, in deserving cases. A sum of Rs. 25,000 is sanctioned additionally for the purpose at the rate of Rs. 5,000 for the five taluks of Maddagiri, Goribidnur, Gudibanda, Koratagere and Dodballapur. A sum of Rs. 10,000 is also sanctioned as advance for tank maintenance and tank restoration works in these taluks. The question of recovering the advances given for maintenance works at longer intervals and the question of waiving the contribution for well works should be taken up separately and pending final orders thereon, no delay need take place in starting such works. To each of the five taluks mentioned above, a First Grade Overseer should be appointed forthwith to work under the orders of the Executive Engineer of the District to be in direct charge of all relief works under roads and tank restoration.

8. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to take special steps to start village improvement works in the affected localities out of the allotment sanctioned in Government Order dated the 22nd November 1923 up to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 for each affected taluk. Orders have already been issued for the opening of the State Forests for free grazing wherever necessary. The cattle from the affected maidan taluks will be allowed to be taken to the malnad forests for free grazing.

9. The Amildars of Sira, Pavagada, Tumkur, Gubbi, Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Deputy Amildar of Koratagere Sub-Taluk may be given an imprest of Rs. 500 for carrying on the village improvement works according to the orders dated the 22nd November 1923 and meeting other expenditure of an urgent nature which should be recouped from the sanctioned grants.

10. Special efforts should be made for digging temporary wells in all tank beds and in respect of all works, the instructions given in paragraph four of the Government Order of 22nd November 1923 will be strictly carried out.

11. In regard to remission, the recommendation made by the Revenue Commissioner to extend the time for application for remission under existing rules, till the end of December 1923, is approved. The other recommendations of the Revenue Commissioner on the subject of remission in the affected areas will be considered separately.

12. The Comptroller will be requested to keep an up-to-date account of the disbursements under all the operations sanctioned by the Government and debit it to a special head pending orders as regards the source from which the expenditure is to be met.

K. V. ANANTHARAMAN,
Offg. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to Government (through the Financial Secretariat).
The Chief Engineer, Roads and Buildings.
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

PRESS TABLE.

Exd.—A. M. K.